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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
Fred L. Starkey )  
Serial No. Not Assigned )  
Filing Date: January 11, 2001 )  
For METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR )  
COMMUNICATION OF DATA IN A )  
REMOTE TIRE MONITORING SYSTEM )

Examiner: To Be Assigned  
Group Art Unit:

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the obligation under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97-1.99, Applicant hereby submits the references listed below and on the attached form PTO-1449 for consideration by the Examiner. Copies of the references are enclosed herewith.

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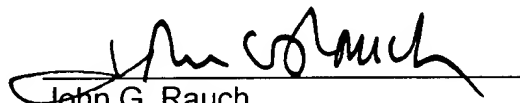
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Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner review the entire disclosure of  
these documents and make them of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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